

GRANTING OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE TO CERTAIN ALIENS

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Con. Res. 145]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the resolution (H. Con. Res. 145), which provides that the Congress favors the granting of the status of permanent residence to certain aliens, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the resolution do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The concurrent resolution states that the Congress favors the granting of the status of permanent residence in the cases of certain aliens, named in the concurrent resolution, who are embraced as displaced persons under the provisions of section 4 of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, as amended by Public Law 555, Eighty-first Congress.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Section 4 of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, as amended by Public Law 555, Eighty-first Congress, provides for adjustment of the immigration status in the cases of certain aliens who establish that they lawfully entered the United States as nonimmigrants under section 3 or as nonquota immigrant students under subsection (e) of section 4 of the Immigration Act of May 26, 1924, as amended. The act provides that, if the Attorney General shall, upon consideration of all the facts and circumstances of each case, determine that the alien has been of good moral character for the preceding 5 years and that such alien is qualified under the provisions of said section 4 of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, as amended by Public Law 555, Eighty-first Congress, the Attorney General shall report to the Con-

gress all of the pertinent facts in the case. If, during the session of the Congress at which a case is reported or prior to the end of the session of the Congress next following the session at which a case is reported, the Congress passes a concurrent resolution stating in substance that it favors the granting of the status of permanent residence to such alien, the Attorney General is authorized, upon receipt of a fee of \$18, to record the admission of the alien for permanent residence as of the date of the alien's last entry into the United States. If prior to the end of the session of the Congress next following the session at which a case is reported, the Congress does not pass such resolution, the Attorney General is required to deport such alien. The act further provides that the number of displaced persons who shall thus be granted the status of permanent residence shall not exceed 15,000. Upon the grant of status of permanent residence to an alien pursuant to said section 4, of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, as amended by Public Law 555, Eighty-first Congress, the Secretary of State shall, if the alien was a quota immigrant at the time of entry, reduce by one the immigration quota of the country of the alien's nationality as defined in section 12 of the Immigration Act of May 26, 1924, for the fiscal year then current or the next succeeding fiscal year in which a quota number is available, except that such quota deductions shall be made within certain limitations.

Included in the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 145) are 332 cases; 306 of these cases were among 332 referred to the Congress on January 2, 1951, January 15, 1951, February 1, 1951, and February 15, 1951. Of the 332 cases referred during this period, 18 cases are currently being held for further study and investigation and 8 cases have been previously approved by the Congress. One case was referred on March 31, 1950; one case on July 3, 1950; one case on December 1, 1950; one case on March 15, 1951; three cases on April 2, 1951; three cases on May 1, 1951; one case on May 15, 1951; nine cases on June 1, 1951; three cases on June 15, 1951; one case on July 2, 1951, and two on July 16, 1951.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in each case referred to in the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 145), recommends that the concurrent resolution do pass.